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SUBJ: SCHUETZ HANGS ON, ADMITS SPD PROBLEMS

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1. IN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH BERLIN JOURNALISTS  
ENGERT (DER ABEND), SCHULZE (SFB) AND KEMNA (DIE WELT)  
ON CHANNEL 3 TV EVENING OF APRIL 26, GOVMAYOR KLAUS  
SCHUETZ WAS REMARKABLY CANDID ABOUT CURRENT POLITICAL  
SITUATION IN BERLIN. HE ADMITTED THAT WERE ELECTION TO  
BE HELD TOMORROW, EVEN WITH A CAMPAIGN OR FURTHER  
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POLITICAL TURMOIL, CDU WOULD WIN HANDS DOWN.  
SCHUETZ PREDICTED THAT ELECTION IN 1979 WOULD BE HARD-  
FOUGHT BUT ADDED: "I AM A FIGHTER AND IN A REAL SENSE,  
I HAVE NEVER LOST. THAT MAY HAPPEN, BUT I WILL DO ALL  
I CAN TO PREVENT IT".

2. WITH REGARD TO HIS OWN FUTURE, SCHUETZ DECLARED

(FOR THE UMPTEENTH TIME): "I WILL NOT RESIGN\*" HE ADDED, "THEY WILL HAVE TO DRAG ME OUT OF THE OFFICE". GOVMAYOR ADMITTED THAT AFTER ONE HAD BEEN INFFICE FOR A LONG TIME, IT WAS NATURUAL TO BECOME CASUAL ABOUT THE JOB, BUT ADDED THAT HE STILL HAD "NO FEAR OF THE COMPETITION". FOR SCHUETZ, POSITION OF GOVERNING MAYOR WAS STILL CHALLENGING AND ATTRACTIVE. HE REVEALED THAT FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF QA, HE HAD CONSIDERED TAKING UP SOME OTHER POSITION, BUT "NOTHING WAS AVAILABLE" AT THE TIME.

3. SCHUETZ HAD NO KIND WORDS FOR FREE DEMOCRATS BUT ADDED THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO CONTINUATION OF SPD-FDP COALITION IN BERLIN. "I DO NOT LIKE THE FDP AND THEY DO NOT LIKE ME, AND THAT IS THE WAY IT SHOULD REMAIN", HE SAID. SCHUETZ WAS INDIGNANT OVER RECENT SUGGESTION BY MAYOR LUEDER THAT SENATOR KORBER SHOULD RESIGN (PARA 7, REFTEL). HE CONSIDERED THAT IT WENT AGAINST PRINCIPLES OF NECESSITY AND FAIRNESS FOR ONE PARTNER TO INTERFERE IN PERSONNEL MATTERS OF THE OTHER. HE ADDED THAT HE ALSO COULD MAKE FUN OF PERSONNEL PROBLEMS OF OTHERS BUT REFRAINED FROM DOING SO. SCHUETZ STATED THAT REAL PROBLEM WAS CURRENT "LOW POINT IN THE SOCIAL-LIBERAL RELATIONSHIP". (COMMENT: SCHUETZ CLEARLY WAS REFERRING MORE TO SPD-FDP RELATIONSHIP IN FRG THAN TO BERLIN. END COMMENT)

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT RESIGNATION OF SPD CAUCUS CHAIRMAN HAUS, GOVMAYOR STATED THAT HE HAD NO IDEA WHY FORMER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD RESIGNED BUT ADDED "THAT IS HIS BUSINESS". SCHUETZ SAID HE THOUGHT HAUS' ACTION WAS WRONG AND STATED THAT ONE SHOULD REMAIN TOGETHER IF ELECTED FOR FOUR YEARS. (NOTE: SENATOR NEUBAUER IN A SEPARATE STATEMENT TO PRESS ON APRIL 26 SAID THAT QUESTION OF WHETHER HE MIGHT BECOME SPD CAUCUS CHAIRMAN IN HOUSE OF REPS WAS NO LONGER RELEVANT SINCE NEW INCUMBENT, EHRKE, HAD INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN REMAINING IN JOB FOR FULL TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. END NOTE)

5. ASKED ABOUT "SCANDALS" IN BERLIN, SCHUETZ REPLIED LACONICALLY THAT HE HAD BEEN WAITING IN VAIN FOR PAST FIFTEEN MONTHS FOR NEW SCANDALS. SCHUETZ WAS ASKED HOW HE REGARDED COMMENTS FROM BONN ABOUT HIS REPLACEMENT AS GOVERNING MAYOR AND REPLIED: "I WILL NOT PERMIT IN MY ORCHESTRA ANY FALSE NOTES EMANATING FROM BONN".DAVIS

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